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1. THERE ARE NO RPT NO INDICATIONS THAT IRAQI-SUBSIDIZED NEWS-PAPERS HERE ARE CONTINUING THEIR PREVIOUS ATTACKS ON IRAN IN VIOLATION OF MAR 5 ACCORD. ON CONTRARY, WE HAVE NOTICED DEFINITE DIMINUTION OF SUCH ATTACKS IN PAST TWO WEEKS.

2. MAJOR IRAQI-BACKED PAPER, DAILY BEIRUT, REPORTED NEWS OF MAR 5 ACCORD IN FLOWERY LANGUAGE AND HAS STUCK LARGELY TO STRAIGHT REPORTING OF SUBSEQUENT IRAQI-IRANIAN TALKS IN BAGHDAD AND TEHRAN. IT HAS ALSO GONE SO FAR AS TO CEASE MENTIONING IRAN'S ROLE IN HOSTILITIES IN OMAN. AT SAME TIME, BEIRUT CONTINUES TO FULMINATE AGAINST KURDISH REBELS AND TO REJOICE IN ALLEGED US AND ISRAELI DISCOMFITURE OVER SHAH'S HAVING LEFT BARZANI IN THE LURCH.

3. OTHER LEFTIST PAPERS NOTED FOR THEIR PAST DIATRIBES AGAINST IRAN SEEM TO HAVE GENERALLY ADHERED TO SIMILAR LINE.
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